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CIRCULAR NO. A-46
Transmittal Memorandum No. 10

TO THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ESTABLISHMENTS

SUBJECT: Amendment to Circular No. A-46 "Standard Reference
Base Period for Federal Government General-Purpose
Index Numbers"

Attached is a revision of Exhibit F which amends Circular No. A-46. It specifies the standard reference base period for Federal Government general-purpose index numbers. The new base period will be the year 1967, updating the previous period, 1957-1959, which had been established by the Bureau of the Budget on May 10, 1960. The new standard base period is to be put into effect as soon as possible following date of this amendment and no later than the date of issue for the index numbers for January 1971.

The year 1967 was chosen, after extensive consultation with the statistical agencies and major users, mainly because the major economic censuses were taken in that year. Also, the use of a single year, as compared with previous three- or five-year base periods, will facilitate compilation and use and will accord with international practice.

It is requested that this Transmittal Memorandum be brought to the attention of all officers of each agency, including those located in the field, having responsibility for collection, analyses, interpretation, or publication of statistical data.

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Exhibit F of this Circular, as issued by Transmittal Memorandum No. 2 dated August 17, 1964, is hereby rescinded and replaced by the attached Exhibit F.

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Attachment

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